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Engineer Regiment in Kuechensee of KVP/Ministry of the Interior

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1. Designation, Subordination and Quarters

The engineer regiment (Engineer Kommando) was subordinate directly to the KVP Department of the Ministry of the Interior in Berlin and was quartered in Kuechensee Cantonment, 3 km southeast of Storkow. The regiment wore blue-bordered black epaulets.

2. Organization and Strength

The regiment was organized into headquarters, headquarters company, motor transport company, technical company, maintenance company, pontoon park company, training company and first through third battalions. The first and second battalions consisted of 2 companies each, while the third battalion had not yet been divided into companies. The regiment numbered about 120 officers and 700 NCOs and PM. One Lieutenant Colonel Josef Koefert was regimental commander and Captain Kiesslich was in command of the second battalion. A Soviet colonel and lieutenant colonel, both in KVP uniform, were assigned to the regiment as advisers.

3. Armament and Equipment

The regiment was armed with infantry weapons and had all kinds of engineer equipment including pontoons and bridge building equipment which was stored in the so-called Schlepperwerk (tractor plant) about 4.5 km southeast of the quarters.

4. Motorization

The regiment was equipped with about 80 trucks including about 70 H-3As, and 4 sedans.

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Comment. It seems that the third battalion of the regiment is still being activated. The Schlepperwerk probably houses the KVP central engineer equipment depot.

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